

AEROFLOT OPEN 2025 – THE REGULATIONS

1. The competition will take place from February 28 to March 7, 2025, with February 28 designated as the arrival day in Moscow and March 7 as the departure day from Moscow.

The competition venue is “The Carlton, Moscow” hotel (3 Tverskaya Street, Moscow).

2. The competition will follow a 9-round Swiss system format.

The time control for each game will be 90 minutes per player for the entire game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

The default time for players to appear at the board is 30 minutes from the start of the round.

Pairings will be done according to the Swiss Manager computer program.

3. Playing schedule:

February 28 (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival and accommodation of nonresidents;• 14:00—18:00 Accreditation of participants (The Carlton Hotel, Moscow);• 23:00 Pairings of the first round;
March 1 (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14:30 Technical opening;• 15:00 Round 1.
March 2 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:00 Round 2;• 17:00 Round 3.
March 3 (Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:00 Round 4;• 17:00 Round 5.
March 4 (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15:00 Round 6.
March 5 (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:00 Round 7;• 17:00 Round 8.
March 6 (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:00 Round 9;• 18:00 Closing Ceremony.
March 7 (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Departure.

4. The color for the tournament's highest-rated player in the first round will be determined during the opening ceremony through the playing of a blitz game under "Armageddon" conditions. The winner of this game will have the right to choose the color.

The time control for the Armageddon game will be 5 minutes for White and 4 minutes for Black, with an increment of 2 seconds per move starting from move 61.

5. The Chief Arbiter has the authority to deny admission to any player exhibiting visible symptoms of acute respiratory viral infections (such as a runny nose, sneezing, nasal congestion, hoarseness, or coughing). Before the start of the round, any participant displaying such symptoms is required to inform the Chief Arbiter of their state of health and provide a doctor's certificate, issued on the same day, confirming their fitness to participate. Additionally, it is mandatory for such players to use personal protective equipment, such as a face mask, while in the tournament area.

6. The playing venue consists of the playing area, toilets, refreshment area (buffet). During the game, eating is allowed only in the refreshment room (buffet).

Only chess equipment, scoresheets and pens may be placed on the playing table.

The competition dress code is smart casual.

Players without badges are not allowed in the playing hall.

It is prohibited to enter the playing area in outerwear and to leave the playing venue without the arbiter's permission.

Information about the results of the round and pairings for the next round will be available on the Internet:

<https://ruchess.ru/> CFR website

<https://aeroflotopen.ru/> Official website of "AEROFLOT OPEN 2025"

<https://chess-results.com/tnr1118221.aspx?lan=11> Chess-Results website

7. Only authorized photographers may take photographs in the playing venue. Photography is restricted to the first ten minutes of the first round and the first five minutes of each subsequent rounds, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.

Players must not be disturbed or distracted in any way. Only noiseless tele- and photo-cameras are permitted on the playing area.

8. The players are expected to cooperate reasonably with the media. They are required to make themselves available for the daily press conferences or/and interviews with the Press Officer immediately after the game.

9. Anti-cheating measures at the competition are mandatory and will be applied in accordance with the FIDE-approved Anti-Cheating rules and guidelines.

It is prohibited to bring any electronic devices, watches, bags (including women's handbags), etc. into the gaming area.

10. Final standings will be determined by the highest number of points earned by each player.

In the event of a tie, the following additional tiebreakers will be used to determine the final standings (in order of priority):

- The number of games played as Black (unplayed games will count as games played as White);
- The average rating of opponents (AROC) excluding highest and lowest ratings.

11. Complaints must be submitted in writing to the Appeal Committee (AC) Chairperson within 15 minutes after the conclusion of the last game of a given round. A deposit of 10,000 (ten thousand) rubles must accompany each complaint. If the complaint is upheld, the deposit will be returned to the complainant. Otherwise, it will be retained by the Organizing Committee to cover tournament expenses. Complaints regarding computer-generated pairings will not be accepted. The decision of the AC shall be final and binding.

AC Chairperson: IA, FST Boris Postovsky (USA)